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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/021,904

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

DANIEL LASTRA

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 May 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 8-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 8-36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 8-36 have been examined. Application 10/021,904 (METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING ADDITIONAL SERVICES FOR PRODUCTS) has a filing date 12/13/2001 and foreign priority date 12/15/2000.

Response to Amendment

2. In response to Non Final Rejection filed 03/11/2005, the Applicant filed an Amendment on 05/31/2005, which amended claims 8-10, cancel claims 1-7, 14-18 and added new claims 19-36. Applicant's amendment overcame the Section 101 rejection.

Claim Objections

3. Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities: Claim 1 recites in page 3, line 3 "siad", where it should recite "said". Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 8-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Woll (US 6,612,501).

As per claims 8-10 and 19-21, Woll teaches:

A system for providing additional services for products, which has functions of attaching added values to products that are distributed in a market and providing additional services based on the added values, the system comprising:

a first identification code generating device, which generates a first identification code (see column 1, lines 49-60);

a second identification code generating device, which generates a second identification code (see column 2, lines 31-64);

a first identification code attaching device, which prints said first identification code to a package or an object added to a package of a product that is shipped by a first company (see column 1, lines 25-31), a second identification code attaching device, which prints said second identification code to a package or an object added to a package of a product that is shipped by a second company (see column 4, lines 1-13), and

a service providing device including a Web server to provide a Web page to terminal devices operated by users through Internet and to input identification codes from said terminal devices on the Web page (see column 5, lines 15-24);

wherein said service providing device has a first function to input two different types of identification code separately at the same time or at different times from a user (see column 5, lines 31-40), a second function to confirm that one of identification codes that have been input is said first identification code and the other is said second identification code and a third function to provide a service of a first attribute under a

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condition that said first identification code has been input, to provide a service of a second attribute under a condition that said second identification code has been input, and to provide a service of a third attribute under a condition that both said first identification code and said second identification code have been input to said user by providing information to a terminal device operated by said user (see column 2, lines 30-65; column 5, lines 32-40), wherein the first identification code generating device and the second identification code generating device have functions of generating the first identification code and generating the second identification code, respectively, based on a predetermined algorithm (see column 2, lines 10-15) , and

said second function being carried out by communicating with the first identification code generating device and the second identification code generating device to inquire (see column 2, lines 1-7) and

wherein said second function is carried out by performing a confirmation process concerning an input identification code based on said predetermined algorithm (see column 2, lines 1-7; column 5, lines 24-32).

As per claims 11, 22, 25, 28, 31 and 34, Woll teaches:

A system for providing additional services for products as set forth in claim 19, wherein:

when both the first identification code and the second identification code have been input from a user, a content of the service provided by the service providing device is changed according to an order of input of the two types of identification code (see column 5, lines 32-40).

As per claims 12, 23, 26, 29, 32 and 35, Woll teaches:

A system for providing additional services for products as set forth in claim 19, wherein:

a plurality of patterns are prepared for one of either or both the first identification code and the second identification code, and a content of the service provided by the service providing device is changed according to a pattern of an identification code that has been input (see column 2, lines 30-64).

As per claims 13, 24, 27, 30, 33 and 36, Woll teaches:

A system for providing additional services for products as set forth in claim 8, wherein: as a service to be provided by the service providing device, a provision of a game, a provision of a quiz, or a provision of fortune-telling information to the user is carried out (see column 2, lines 30-64).

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments, see filed 05/31/05, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 8-36 under Holda-Fleck and Cote have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Woll.

Conclusion

6. A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the

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shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

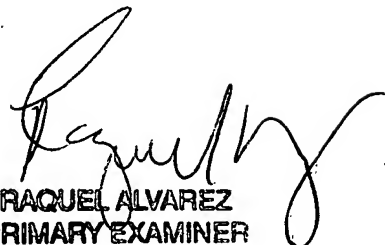
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DANIEL LASTRA whose telephone number is 571-272-6720. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, ERIC W. STAMBER can be reached on 571-272-6724. The Examiner's Right fax number is 571-273-6720.

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